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chan · nel¹ (1)) Audio Help [chan-l] Pronunciation Key - Show IPA Pronunciation noun, verb, neled, -nel·ing or (especially British) -nelled, -nel·ling.

- 1. the bed of a stream, river, or other waterway.
- 2. Nautical. a navigable route between two bodies of water.
- 3. the deeper part of a waterway.
- 4. a wide strait, as between a continent and an island.
- 5. a course into which something may be directed: He hoped to direct the conversation to a new channel.
- 6. a route through which anything passes or progresses: channels of trade.
- 7. channels, the specific, prescribed, or official course or means of communication: In an emergency he was able to reach the governor without going through channels.
- 8. a groove or furrow.
- 9. a means of access: He considers the Senate a channel to the White House.
- 10. Architecture.
 - a. a flute in a column, esp. one having no fillet between it and other flutes.
 - b. any of the prominent vertical grooves in a triglyph.
- 11. (in jazz or popular music) a bridge.
- 12. a frequency band of sufficient width for one- or two-way communication from or to a transmitter used for television, radio, CB radio, telephone, or telegraph communication.
- 13. Computers. a path for the transfer of signals or data within a computer or between a computer and its peripheral equipment.
- 14. either of the two signals in stereophonic or any single signal in multichannel sound recording and reproduction.
- 15. Cell Biology. a transient opening made by a protein embedded in a cell membrane, permitting passage of specific ions or molecules into or out of the cell: calcium channel.
- 16. a tubular passage for liquids or fluids.
- 17. Building Trades.
 - a. any structural member, as one of reinforced concrete, having the form of three sides of a rectangle.
 - b. a number of such members: channel in 100-foot lengths.
 - C. CHANNEL IRON.
- -verb (used with object)
- 18. to convey through or as through a channel: He channeled the information to us.
- 19. to direct toward or into some particular course: to channel one's interests.

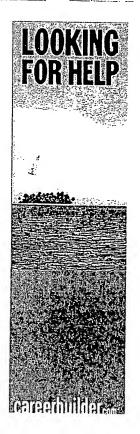


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- 20. to excavate as a channel.
- 21. to form a channel in; groove.
- -verb (used without object)
- 22. to become marked by a channel: Soft earth has a tendency to channel during a heavy rain.

[Origin: 1250-1300; ME chanel < OF < L canalis waterpipe; see CANAL]

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-noun

a horizontal timber or ledge built outboard from the side of a sailing vessel to spread shrouds and backstays outward.

Also, chain wale, chain-wale.

[Origin: 1760-70; var. of CHAIN WALE]

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- 2. The deeper part of a river or harbor, especially a deep navigable passage.
- 3. A broad strait, especially one that connects two seas.
- 4. A trench, furrow, or groove.
- 6. A tubular passage for liquids; a conduit.
- A course or pathway through which information is transmitted: new channels of thought; a reliable channel of information.
- A route of communication or access. Often used in the plural: took her request through official channels.
- In communications theory, a gesture, action, sound, written or spoken word, or visual image used in transmitting information.
- Electronics A specified frequency band for the transmission and reception of electromagnetic signals, as for television signals.
- Computer Science A site on a network, as on IRC, where online conversations are held in real time by a number of computer users.
- The medium through which a spirit guide purportedly communicates with the physical world.
- 12. A rolled metal bar with a bracket-shaped section.
- A temporary opening in a cell membrane that allows ions or molecules to pass into or out of the cell.
- tr.v. chan-neled also chan-nelled, chan-nel-ing also chan-nel-ling, chan-nels also chan-nels
- 1. To make or cut channels in.
- 2. To form a groove or flute in.
- 3. To direct or guide along some desired course: channels her curiosity into research.
- 4. To serve as a medium for (a spirit guide).

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chan-nel 2 Audio Help (chân'əl) Pronunciation Key

n. Nautical

A wood or steel ledge projecting from a sailing ship's sides to spread the shrouds and keep them clear of the gunwales.

[Alteration of obsolete chainwale : chain + wale.]

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c.1300, "bed of running water," from O.Fr. chanel, from L. canalis "groove, channel, waterpipe" (see canal) Given a broader, figurative sense and a verbal meaning 1590s. Meaning "circuit for telegraph communication" (1848) probably led to that of "band of frequency for radio or TV signals" (1928).

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noun

- a path over which electrical signals can pass; "a channel is typically what you rent from a telephone company"
- a passage for water (or other fluids) to flow through; "the fields were crossed with irrigation channels"; "gutters carried off the rainwater into a series of channels under the street"
- 3. a long narrow furrow cut either by a natural process (such as erosion) or by a tool (as e.g. a groove in a phonograph record) [syn: groove]
- 4. a deep and relatively narrow body of water (as in a river or a harbor or a strait linking two larger bodies) that allows the best passage for vessels; "the ship went aground in the channel".
- (often plural) a means of communication or access; "it must go through official channels"; "lines of communication were set up between the two firms"
- 6. a bodily passage or tube lined with epithelial cells and conveying a secretion or other substance; "the tear duct was obstructed"; "the alimentary canal"; "poison is released through a channel in the snake's fangs" [syn: duct]
- 7. a television station and its programs; "a satellite TV channel"; "surfing through the channels"; "they offer more than one hundred channels"
- 8. a way of selling a company's product either directly or via distributors; "possible distribution channels are wholesalers or small retailers or retail chains or direct mailers or your own stores" [syn: distribution channel]

verb

- transmit or serve as the medium for transmission; "Sound carries well over water"; "The airwaves carry the sound"; "Many metals conduct heat" [syn: impart]
- 2. direct the flow of; "channel information towards a broad audience"
- 3. send from one person or place to another; "transmit a message" [syn: transmit]

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the bed of a stream or other way through which liquid can flow Example: a sewage channel

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مَمَرُّ ماني، قناة :Arabic
                                                           Japanese: 流床
    Chinese (Simplified): 沟渠
                                                             Korean: 강바닥
   Chinese (Traditional): 溝渠
                                                             Latvian: kanāls
                 Czech: stružka, kanál
                                                         Lithuanian: kanalas
                 Danish: rende; kanal
                                                         Norwegian: kanal, renne, leie
                 Dutch: kanaal
                                                              Polish: kanał
               Estonian: voolusäng, kanal
                                                 Portuguese (Brazil): canal
                                              Portuguese (Portugal): canal
                Finnish: kanava
                 French: chenal .
                                                          Romanian: canal
                German: der Kanal, das
                                                            Russian: сток
                         Flußbett
                                                             Slovak: kanál
                  Greek: αγωγός
                                                          Slovenian: struga
              Hungarian: csatorna
                                                            Spanish: canal
               Icelandic: farvegur
                                                            Swedish: ränna, kanal
             Indonesian: saluran
                                                            Turkish: kanal
                 Italian: canale
channel2 ('t[ænl] noun
  a passage of deeper water in a river, through which ships can sail
                 Arabic: قناة
                                                           Japanese: 水路
    Chinese (Simplified): 水道
                                                             Korean: 수로, 항로
   Chinese (Traditional): 水道
                                                             Latvian: kanāls; ūdensceļš
                 Czech: kanál
                                                         Lithuanian: kanalas
                 Danish: sejlrende
                                                         Norwegian: skipslei
                  Dutch: vaargeul
                                                              Polish: tor
               Estonian: sõiduvesi
                                                 Portuguese (Brazil): canal
                                               Portuguese (Portugal): canal
                Finnish: kanava
                 French: canal
                                                          Romanian: canal
                German: die Fahrrinne
                                                            Russian: фарватер
                  Greek: πέρασμα, κανάλι
                                                             Slovak: kanál
              Hungarian: csatorna
                                                          Slovenian: kanal
               Icelandic: skipaskurður
                                                            Spanish: canal
             Indonesian: kanal
                                                            Swedish: segelränna
                 Italian: canale
                                                            Turkish: kanal
channel3 ['tʃænl] noun
  a narrow stretch of water joining two seas
  Example: the English Channel
                 قتال: Arabic
                                                          Japanese: 海峡
    Chinese (Simplified): 海峡
                                                             Korean: 해협
   Chinese (Traditional): 海峽
                                                             Latvian: Lamanšs
                 Czech: průliv
                                                         Lithuanian: sąsiauris
                 Danish: kanal
                                                         Norwegian: kanal, strede,
                 Dutch: kanaal
                                                                     sund
                                                              Polish: kanał
               Estonian: kanal
                                                 Portuguese (Brazil): canal
                Finnish: kanaali
                 French: détroit
                                              Portuguese (Portugal): canal
                German: der Kanal
                                                          Romanian: strâmtoare, canal
                 Greek: πορθμός
                                                            Russian: пролив
             Hungarian: csatorna
                                                             Slovak: prieliv
              Icelandic: sund
                                                          Slovenian: ožina
                                                            Spanish: canal
            Indonesian: terusan
                 Italian: canale
                                                           Swedish: kanal, sund, gatt
                                                            Turkish: kanal, dar boğaz
channel4 ['tʃænl] noun
  a means of sending or receiving information etc
  Example: We got the information through the usual channels.
                 (قناةُ (مَعْلُومات :Arabic
                                                          Japanese: 経路
    Chinese (Simplified): 途径
                                                            Korean: 통신로
   Chinese (Traditional): 途徑
                                                            Latvian: (informācijas)
                 Czech: cesta
                                                                     avots
                Danish: kanal
                                                         Lithuanian: kanalas
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Dutch: kanaal
                                                          Norwegian: kanal, bane
                Estonian: kanal
                                                               Polish: kanał
                 Finnish: kanava
                                                  Portuguese (Brazil): canal
                 French: filière
                                               Portuguese (Portugal): meio
                German: der Weg
                                                           Romanian: filieră
                  Greek: κανάλι
                                                             Russian: источник; канал
                         επικοινωνίας
                                                              Slovak: cesta
              Hungarian: út
                                                           Slovenian: pot, kanal
               Icelandic: (fjarskipta)rás
                                                             Spanish: canal, medio
             Indonesian: saluran
                                                             Swedish: kanal
                  Italian: canale
                                                             Turkish: yol, kanal
channel<sup>5</sup> ['t[ænl] noun
  (in television, radio etc) a band of frequencies for sending or receiving signals
  Example: BBC Television now has two channels.
                  فناة تلفزيونيّه :Arabic
                                                            Japanese: チャンネル
    Chinese (Simplified): 频道
                                                              Korean: 채널, 주파수대
    Chinese (Traditional): 頻道
                                                              Latvian: (radio, televīzijas)
                                                                      kanāls
                  Czech: kanál
                                                          Lithuanian: kanalas
                 Danish: kanal; frekvens
                                                          Norwegian: kanal
                  Dutch: net
                                                               Polish: kanał
                Estonian: kanal
                                                  Portuguese (Brazil): canal
                 Finnish: kanaya
                 French: chaîne
                                               Portuguese (Portugal): canal
                                                           Romanian: canal
                German: der Kanal
                                                             Russian: канал
                  Greek: κανάλι
                          συχνοτήτων
                                                              Slovak: kanál
              Hungarian: csatorna
                                                           Slovenian: kanal
               Icelandic: rás
                                                             Spanish: canal
             Indonesian: saluran
                                                             Swedish: kanal
                  Italian: canale
                                                             Turkish: kanal
channel1 ['tfænt] verb
· to make a channel in
                 يَحْفُرُ، يَشْقُ :Arabic
                                                           Japanese: 水路を作る
    Chinese (Simplified): 开辟水道
                                                             Korean: 수로홀 내다
   Chinese (Traditional): 開辟水道
                                                             Latvian: izveidot kanālu
                  Czech: vykopat kanál
                                                          Lithuanian: iškasti kanalą
                 Danish: lave en kanal; grave
                                                          Norwegian: lage, *grave ut en
                         en kanal
                                                                      kanal
                  Dutch: kanaliseren
                                                              Polish: tworzyć kanał w
                Estonian: kanalit rajama
                                                  Portuguese (Brazil): abrir um canal
                 Finnish: kanavoida
                                               Portuguese (Portugal): sulcar
                 French: creuser un canal
                                                          Romanian: a-și face drum
                         dans
                                                                      prin
                German: aushöhlen
                                                             Russian: проводить канал
                  Greek: ανοίγω πέρασμα
                                                              Slovak: vykopať kanál
             Hungarian: csatornáz
                                                           Slovenian: izkopati (kanal)
               Icelandic: gera skurð, *sund,
                                                             Spanish: canalizar
                         *farveg í
                                                            Swedish: göra kanal i, gräva
             Indonesian: membuat saluran
                 Italian: scavare canali*
                                                             Turkish: kanal açmak
channel² ['tʃænl] verb
  to direct into a particular course
  Example: He channelled all his energies into the project.
                 يُوجَّهُ في طرق مُعَيِّنَه Arabic: يُوجِّهُ في طرق
                                                           Japanese: (~に)向ける
    Chinese (Simplified): 引导
                                                             Korean: 이끌다, 보내다
   Chinese (Traditional): 引導
                                                             Latvian: novirzīt
                 Czech: zaměřit se na
                                                          Lithuanian: nukreipti
                 Danish: kanalisere
                                                         Norwegian: kanalisere
                  Dutch: concentreren
                                                              Polish: kierować
               Estonian: suunama
                                                 Portuguese (Brazil): canalizar
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Finnish: kanavoida French: canaliser German: lenken Greek: διοχετεύω Hungarian: terel Icelandic: veita, beina

Portuguese (Portugal): canalizar Romanian: a canaliza Russian: направлять (в определённое ονςлο) Slovak: zamerať Slovenian: usmeriti Indonesian: menyalurkan Italian: convogliare

Spanish: canalizar, dirigir Swedish: kanalisera, leda Turkish: yöneltmek

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- 1. A specified frequency band for the transmission and reception of electromagnetic signals, as for television signals.
- The part of a field effect transistor, usually U-shaped, through which current flows from the source to the drain. See more at field effect transistor.
- A pathway through a protein molecule in a cell membrane that modulates the electrical potential across the membrane by controlling the passage of small inorganic ions into and
- The bed or deepest part of a river or harbor.
- 5. A large strait, especially one that connects two seas.

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Merriam-Webster's Medical Dictionary - Cite This Source - Share This Main Entry: chan · nel

Pronunciation: 'chan-&1

Function: noun

1: a usually tubular enclosed passage

2 a : a passage created in a selectively permeable membrane by a conformational change in membrane proteins b: a protein or cluster of proteins that functions as a channel —see CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKER

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- 1. The system of intermediaries between the producers, suppliers, consumers, etcetera, for the movement of a good or service.
- 2. The technical range between support and resistance levels that a stock price has traded in for a specific period of time.

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Investopedia Commentary

- 1) There are different types and flavors of channels. Examples are sale channels, distribution channels, Internet channels, and so forth.
- 2) A breakout of a technical channel is seen as a bullish (on an upward breakout) or bearish signal (on a downward breakout).

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In charting, a line connecting a series of high points accompanied by a parallel line connecting a series of low points. The two parallel lines compose the channel in which the variable (for example, a stock price) has been moving and is expected to continue moving. An ascending channel indicates a bullish trend, while a descending channel represents a bearish trend. Breaking downward through an ascending series of low prices or upward through a descending series of high prices indicates a likely change in trend.

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(Or "chat room", "room", depending on the system in question) The basic unit of group discussion in chat systems like IRC. Once one joins a channel, everything one types is read by others on that channel. Channels can either be named with numbers or with strings that begin with a "#" sign and can have topic descriptions (which are generally irrelevant to the actual subject of discussion).

Some notable channels are "#initgame", "#hottub" and "#report". At times of international crisis, "#report" has hundreds of members, some of whom take turns listening to various news services and typing in summaries of the news, or in some cases, giving first-hand accounts of the action (e.g. Scud missile attacks in Tel Aviv during the Gulf War in 1991). [The Jargon File] (1998-01-25)

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Channel Lake, IL (CDP, FIPS 12489) Location: 42.48430 N, 88.15029 W
Population (1990): 1660 (800 housing units)
Area: 5.0 sq km (land), 0.9 sq km (water)

Channel Islands Beach, CA (CDP, FIPS 12669) Location: 34.15805 N, 119.22210 W Population (1990): 3317 (1738 housing units)
Area: 1.1 sq km (land), 0.0 sq km (water)

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Ca*nal"\, n. [F. canal, from L. canalis canal, channel; prob. from a root signifying "to cut"; cf. D. kanaal, fr. the French. Cf. Channel, Kennel gutter.]

- ${\bf l}$. An artificial channel filled with water and designed for navigation, or for irrigating land, etc.
- 2. (Anat.) A tube or duct; as, the alimentary canal; the semicircular canals of the ear.

Canal boat, a boat for use on a canal; esp. one of peculiar shape, carrying freight, and drawn by horses walking on the towpath beside the canal.

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- 1. The hollow bed where a stream of water runs or may run.
- 2. The deeper part of a river, harbor, strait, etc., where the main current flows, or which affords the best and safest passage for vessels.
- 3. (Geog.) A strait, or narrow sea, between two portions of lands; as, the British Channel.
- 4. That through which anything passes; means of passing, conveying, or transmitting; as, the news was conveyed to us by different channels.

The veins are converging channels. -- Dalton.

At best, he is but a channel to convey to the National assembly such matter as may import that body to know. --Burke.

- 5. A gutter; a groove, as in a fluted column.
- 6. pl. [Cf. Chain wales.] (Naut.) Flat ledges of heavy plank bolted edgewise to the outside of a vessel, to increase the spread of the shrouds and carry them clear of the bulwarks.

Channel bar, Channel iron (Arch.), an iron bar or beam having a section resembling a flat gutter or channel.

Channel bill (Zo["o]l.), a very large Australian cuckoo (Scythrops Nov[ae]hollandi[ae].

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Chan"nel\, v. t. [imp. & p. p. Channeled, or Channelled: p. pr. & vb. n. Channeling, or Channelling.]

1. To form a channel in; to cut or wear a channel or channels in; to groove.

No more shall trenching war channel her fields. --Shak.

2. To course through or over, as in a channel. -- Cowper. Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary. © 1996. 1998 MICRA, Inc.

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Ken"nel\, n. [See Channel, Canal.] The water course of a street; a little canal or channel; a gutter; also, a puddle. --Bp. Hall.

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- (1.) The bed of the sea or of a river (Ps. 18:15; Isa. 8:7).
- (2.) The "chanelbone" (Job 31:22 marg.), properly "tube" or "shaft," an old term for the collar-bone.

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